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# Importing Meat, Poultry & Egg Products Into the United States

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# INTRODUCTION

## **Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

- ❑ Ensures the nation's supply of meat, poultry and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged
- ❑ Responsible for public health

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# U.S. Laws and Regulations

- Federal Meat Inspection Act
- Poultry Products Inspection Act
- Egg Products Inspection Act
  
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
  - Title 9, Chapter III
    - Parts 300 – 500 – Meat
    - Parts 362, 381 – Poultry
    - Parts 590, 592 – Egg Products

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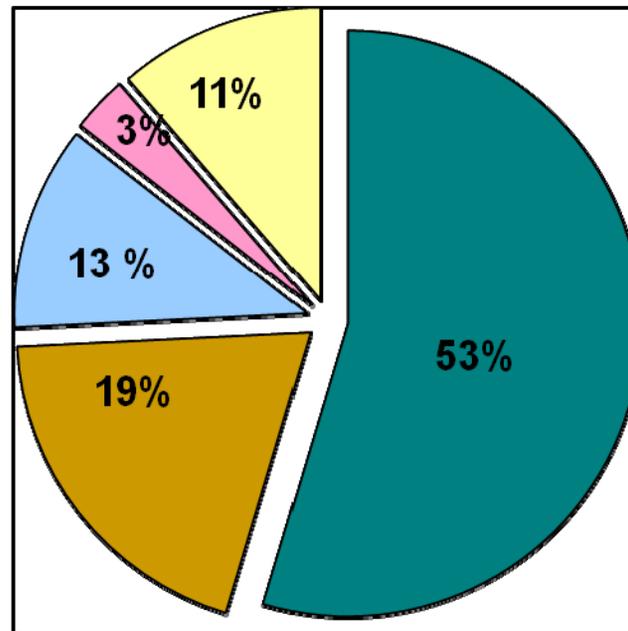
# Imported Meat and Poultry

**In FY2010, the United States imported approximately 3.2 billion pounds of meat and poultry from 29 eligible foreign countries actively exporting.**

- ❑ **83.8% Fresh Red Meat**
  - manufacturing, carcasses and cuts
- ❑ **4.2% Fresh Poultry**
- ❑ **10.9 % Processed Meat/Poultry**
  - primarily ready-to-eat

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## % Meat and Poultry Imported into U.S. FY 2010



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# Imported Egg Products

**In FY2010, the United States imported approximately 22.4 million pounds of egg products from Canada.**

- 10.7% Pasteurized
  - Liquid
  - Frozen
- 87.3 % Unpasteurized
  - Liquid
  - Frozen

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# Imported Product YTD

Jan 1, 2011 to June 27, 2011

Canada 696,112,368 net weight  
48.97%

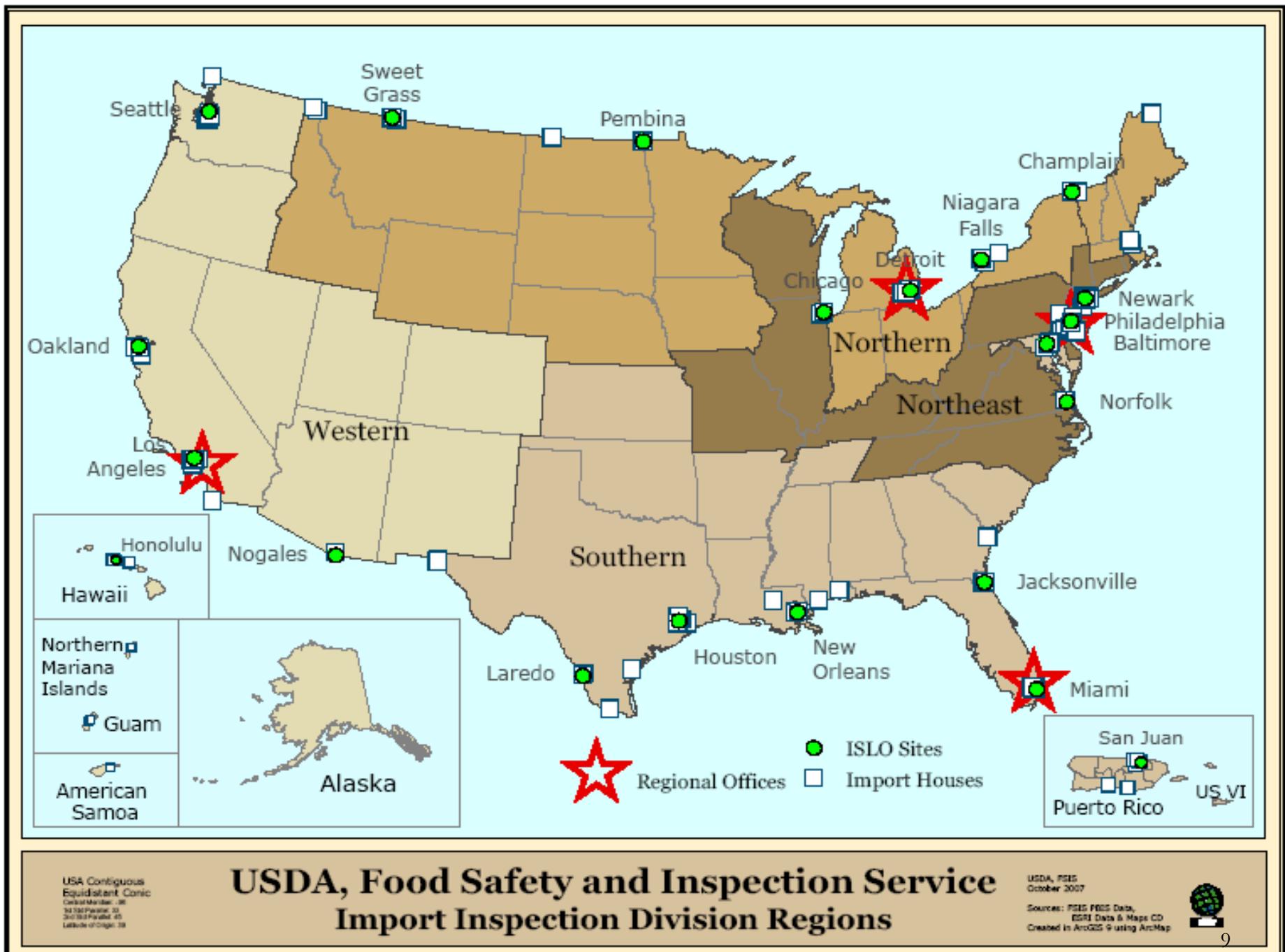
New Zealand 251,976,445.1 net  
weight 17.72%

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# Entry Into the United States

- Importer of record must file entry with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- CBP completes agriculture checks for animal health restrictions (per APHIS requirements).
- Releases shipment **to FSIS** for reinspection (public health requirements).





# POE Verifications and Reinspections

POE Verifications (All shipments)	POE Reinspections (Risk-based approach used to set sample sizes)
Eligible country	Physical reinspections
Eligible establishment	Condition of containers
Eligible product	Laboratory sampling
Proper certification	- Microbiological
Transportation damage	- Food chemistry
Proper labeling	- Species verification
Shipping marks	- Residue sampling
General condition	
Box count	

# ISLO Surveillance Activities

- Conduct surveillance activities of land, seaport and airport facilities where meat, poultry and egg products may be handled, stored or distributed prior to presentation for import inspection.



# ISLO Surveillance Activities

- Maintain vigilance to detect evidence of product tampering, or intentional contamination that would threaten the imported food supply and present a risk to national security.
- Conduct observation and enforcement activities relating to product containers, conveyances and facilities for storage.



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